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BANGKOK PLEASE GIVE THIS MESSAGE TO AMB DEAN WHEN HE ARRIVES

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AEMR, CB

SUBJ: E&E: PHNOM PENH

1. WE HAVE JUST HAD A TELEPHONE CALL FROM JOHN DEAN IN PHNOM PENH WHO, SINCE HE IS OUT OF COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE DEPT, HAS ASKED US TO CONVEY A MESSAGE THAT HE SAYS IT LOOKS LIKE THE MAJORITY OF THE CABINET HAS DECIDED TO STAY ON. THE PRESIDENT HAS LEFT WITH HIS ENTIRE SUITE. HOWEVER, MOST OF THE CABINET, ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE SENT SOME OF THEIR WIVES OUT, ARE STAYING ON, INCLUDING SIRIK MATAK. DEAN SAID THE CABINET IS MEETING NOW, PROBABLY TO DISCUSS THEIR FUTURE. HE THINKS IT MAY BE POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO RETURN FROM BANGKOK IN ABOUT 24 HOURS TO WORK WITH THEM ON WHATEVER DECISIONS THEY HAVE MADE. DEAN EMPHASIZED THE CABINET MEMBERS STAYING HAD BEEN OFFERED TRANSPORTATION OUT BUT HAD REFUSED IT. DEAN SAID HE WOULD BE IN COMMUNICATION AS SOON AS HE REACHED BANGKOK. AS OF TEN MINUTES AGO MORE THAN 300 HAD BEEN LIFTED OUT AND THAT HE HIMSELF WOULD LEAVE SHORTLY.
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